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A

LETTER FROM CHESTER

Of the 24th of *August*,

Giving a TRUE ACCOUNT of the Posture of
AFFAIRS at

DUBLIN

And in other Parts of *IRELAND*.

By a Person who left *DUBLIN* on *Sunday* the 18th before:
As also of the taking of *COLERAINE*, and the Pro-
gress of the *Protestant* Army in that Kingdom: To-
gether with a FULL ACCOUNT of the Forces
embark'd to re-enforce *D. SCHOMBERG*, since his
Arrival in *IRELAND*.

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28. Aug. 1689

ON *Thursday* last there arrived here from *Dublin* one
Smallman, a *Quaker*, that lived in *Backlane*, who tells
us, That the News of the Defeat of Major General
Mac Carty's Party, so seized on the *Irish* Court, and
Army in *Dublin*, that they were ready to sink in the
Ground: He was in *Limerick* when the News thereof was brought
thither by Three or Four several Persons that ran from *Mac Car-*
ty to *Limerick* without looking back: And they, to colour their
flight, reported, and swore, That all the *Limerick* Men that were ab-
sent were with the *Iniskilling* Party: Whereupon they forthwith im-

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prisoned all, both *Quakers* and others, but releast most of them again in about Six Hours time. The *Limerick Irish Women* were so enraged at the News, that they desired Liberty, and would undertake to murder all the *Protestant Women and Children* in those Parts. About Ten Days past, our Fleet appearing before *King'sale* and *Cork*, alarmed that Country: Whereupon the Lord *Clare* went with several Regiments from *Limerick* to *King'sale*, where he assembled all the *Roperees*, (*viz.* Men with Skanes and Half Pikes,) of that Country, and is forming a Camp there. The Camp which was but young, at *Rathfarnham*, near *Dublin*, marched through the City on *Saturday* last, and encamp'd at *Drumcouragh*, where they stay till their Regiments are recruited; and then they march *Northward* to fight Duke *Schomberg*: They are also forming a Camp near *Athloane* of Six Thousand Men (I suppose to secure their Retreat to *Connaught*.) Copper half Crowns, and Shillings as well as Sixpences are plenty in *Dublin*, and pass current: This *Smallman* was forced to take the value of one hundred and fifty Pound of that Coin, which he left in *Dublin* when he came away on *Sunday* last, and that after the great Slaughter made by the *Iniskilling Men* in the *Irish Army*, and the drowning near one whole Regiment of *Irish Horse*, they advanc'd with two hundred Horse to *Sligoe*, and the Enemy immediately left it, and behind them Fourteen pieces of Cannon, and one Mortar piece. Major General *Kirk* has also taken *Coleraine*, though the *Irish* thought to have burnt it, and in order thereunto, had pitched the Bridge to have fired it, but upon his approach they all fled.

On *Monday* last sailed from *Highlake* two Regiments of Foot, and one of Horse; on *Wednesday* sailed the *Queens Regiment* of Dragoons with two Regiments of Foot more; they had good Winds, and I doubt not but they are now with the Duke. Yesterday went to *Highlake* the Lord *Delamere's* Regiment of Horse, and Sir *Thomas Cole's* Regiment of Foot; and I suppose they embarked last night, and sailed this morning, the wind being fair: We expect three Regiments of Horse here this Night or to Morrow. Governour *Walker* was receiv'd here with great joy, the Bells Ringing, &c. and treated by the City in the Penthouse: Yesterday he took Coach for *London*, and will be there on *Tuesday* next.

Licensed Aug. 27. J. F.

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